

## Palm Beach Show Group Announces Success at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show

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**Palm Beach**, **FL – (February 26, 2019)** Thousands of excited collectors attended the Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show over Presidents' Day Weekend to celebrate the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the highly anticipated event. The Palm Beach Show Group welcomed more than 135 dealers who brought an estimated billion dollars' worth of jewelry, art and antiques to the Palm Beach County Convention Center February 13-19, 2019. Over the course of the 7-day show, approximately 38,000 people attended the event, with increased Opening Night attendance.

The Show kicked-off with the exclusive Vernissage first-look preview party, allowing the most prominent collectors to have a first-view at the museum quality art, antique and jewelry from world-class exhibitors. The evening continued with the traditional VIP Opening Night Preview Party. The exquisite opening evening was only the beginning of what would be an incredible week.

**Scott Diament**, President and CEO of the Palm Beach Show Group, said, "This was one of the best years that we've had, with consistent traffic throughout the weekend. Many dealers have said this was the best year they've had at this show."

**Lynda Willauer Antiques** based out of Nantucket, Massachusetts celebrated her best show ever at the 2019 Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show. As a 16-year veteran to the event, Lynda was eager to report sales across the board from their vast inventory including sales of major pieces of Chinese Export Porcelain, Staffordshire pottery and mid-century modern Swedish pottery.

One of the highlights of Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show was the new Contemporary Focus section. Many attendees were fascinated by the show's vivacious curated section that showcased a selection of contemporary and modern art, objects, jewelry and design. The Contemporary FOCUS section allowed the Palm Beach Show to differentiated itself from its traditional past and bring a fresh look to the Show. Participating galleries included **Sponder Gallery**, **Frederic Got Gallery**, **Cantor Fine Art, Art Unified**, **Anthony Brunelli Fine Arts**, **Steidel Fine Art**, **Fritz Gallery** and many others.





"Overall, the response to the new Contemporary Focus section of the show was very positive. Many visitors mentioned that it brought a fresh and vibrant offering to the Palm Beach Show, as it also introduced many new galleries to the event," stated a representative of the **Palm Beach Show Group**. "Exhibitors noted that the shift in industry change toward contemporary and modern works cannot be ignored, and the new addition to the show added to its diverse reputation."

"We have really enjoyed ourselves this past week at the show," Charles Steidel said from **Steidel Fine Art**. We could not have asked for a warmer reception as we returned to the Palm Beach Show for a second year, we look forward to cultivating the relationships of many new contacts and collectors met this year and cementing our place in the Palm Beach Show Group's flagship fair for years to come!"

**Ashley Templeton** of **Guarisco Gallery** noted, "This year we saw a strong return visit from clients gained at the show the last couple years. It is always worth exhibiting in order to maintain our relationship. Most success came from our contemporary collection which has been the ongoing trend recently."

Throughout the show's seven-day run, February 13 - 19, 2019, significant sales were reported. The following list of notable sales is a diminutive sampling of the thousands of diverse transactions consummated on the floor and will likely to continue throughout the course of the year.

- Macklowe Gallery sold a wide range of antique and estate jewelry by some well-known luminaries; Van Cleef and Arpels, Cartier and Bulgari. Macklowe Gallery was pleased to have sold several pieces of their introductory display of the jewelry by Neha Dani, which was well received by new and longstanding customers.
- **Rehs Galleries** sold many pieces at the show, like an important Jehan-Georges Vibert, a flower market scene by Edouard Cortes, Stanley Bielecky's Summer in New York (The El), a lovely Andre Hambourg, an evening landscape by Ben Bauer, a few paintings by Todd Casey and works by Stuart Dunkel.
- **Takat** specializes in rare and unique jewels with an emphasis on emeralds. Takat exhibited at the Palm Beach Show at the very front entrance gathering the attention of almost every attendee as they walked in. One standout item with many offers included a simply stunning and substantial Emerald ring in a platinum setting. Takat has received over 4 bids for this piece from the Show.





- **Bill Rau** of **M.S Rau Antiques** following the show said, "We are very pleased with our experience and the crowds in Palm Beach. Our extensive selection of one-of-a-kind fine art, jewelry and antiques really resonated with visitors. We had a lot of interest in our untreated gemstones, such as our fancy colored diamonds as well as Ceylon and Padparadscha sapphires."
- Nathan Coe Photography was represented by Fritz Gallery in the Contemporary Focus Section of the Show and sold some of their biggest hits from his newest Palm Beach Photo Series, which included works titled "Drop off", "Check-in" and more. These photos are now almost out of edition due to the high interest and sales from clients.
- **Pascoe Gallery's** most rememberable sale was a unique sculpture from Ardmore master artist Alex Sibanda, a large ceramic elephant with a monkey band riding on its back.
- Colm Rowan sold several pieces from artists Ken Hamilton and Nnamdi Okonkwo.
- **Lynda Willauer Antiques** sold many pieces from their vast inventory, they ales of major pieces of Chinese Export Porcelain, Staffordshire pottery and mid-century modern Swedish pottery.

With a forward-thinking outlook on the antiques, fine art, contemporary art and jewelry industries, the Palm Beach Show Group has continued to make the Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show one of the most anticipated events of the year for dealers, artists and collectors.

"We produce shows as a platform to cultivate the antique, fine art, and jewelry industries, therefore we are constantly pursuing new ways to provide exposure for these beautiful things," stated **Scott Diament**, CEO and President of the Palm Beach Show Group. "We would like to think that this show is a cultural experience, a financial experience and an entertainment experience for both collectors and exhibitors."

**Diament** added, "This was a transformative year. Attendees, exhibitors and production staff are feeling confident of the future for the art, antique, contemporary and jewelry industries. We are very much looking forward to Palm Beach 2020."

The Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show returns to the Palm Beach Convention Center over Presidents' Day weekend, February 13 - 18, 2020. For more information or to apply to exhibit, please visit <a href="https://www.palmbeachshow.com">www.palmbeachshow.com</a>

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Baltimore Fine Craft Show	Aug. 29- Sept. 1, 2019
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Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show	February 13–18, 2020
Palm Beach Fine Craft Show	February 14–16, 2020
Naples Art, Antique & Jewelry Show	February 21-25, 2020

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